

Amendments to the claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-29 and 35-37 (canceled)

30. (Previously presented) A purified peptide consisting of sequence
ERRGHLRPSFHGHHEKGKEGQVLQRS (OB-CDGF) (SEQ ID NO: 10).
31. (Previously presented) A method comprising administering the peptide according to claim
30 to a person in need thereof to promote proliferation of osteoblasts.
32. (Previously presented) A medicament containing the purified peptide according claim 30,
together with auxiliary agents.
33. (Previously presented) A medicament containing the purified peptide according claim 30 in
a galenic formulation.
34. (Previously presented) The medicament according to claim 32 in a form for administration
selected from the group consisting of (a) a galenic formulation, wherein administration is by
oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intracutaneous, or intrathecal route, and (b) an aerosol,
wherein administration is transpulmonary.
38. (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of the purified peptide according to
claim 30 comprising
 - isolating the peptide from a hemofiltrate using (i) cation-exchange extraction followed
by (ii) elution of adsorbed substances to produce a first extract containing proteins, (iii)

- renewed cation-exchange chromatography of the first extract to produce a second extract containing proteins, and subjecting the second extract to multistage reverse-phase chromatography to produce the purified peptide protein; or
- synthesizing the peptide by solid-phase or liquid-phase synthesis; or
 - recombinant, heterologous expression of DNA encoding the peptide.